

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of Claims replaces all prior versions and listings of Claims in the Application.

Please amend Claims 1 , 4, 7, 9, 12, 14, 17, 19, 22, 24, 27, 29, 32, 34, 37, 39, 42 and 44.

Please cancel Claims 28 and 33.

Please add new Claims 47 and 48.

1 (Currently Amended). Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:

a) each sole having a plurality of protruding hang tabs integrally formed as part of said sole ~~connected~~ at spaced-apart positions along a perimeter edging of said sole;

b) said plurality of hang tabs including a first hang tab positioned on the toe end of said sole, a second hang tab positioned on the heel end of said sole, a third hang tab positioned on the inside section of said sole, and a fourth hang tab positioned on the outside section of said sole;

c) one or more of said hang tabs on each of said soles having fastening means attached thereto for connecting to said hang tabs on adjacent soles for connecting a pair of said soles together; and

d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

2 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each hang tab is a geometric-shaped hang tab.

3 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 2, wherein said geometric-shaped hang tab is selected from a group consisting of a rectangular shape, a triangular shape, a semi-circular shape and a semi-oval shape.

4 (Currently Amended). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each of said integrally formed hang tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.

5 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said sole after purchase.

6 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said fastening means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.

7 (Currently Amended). Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:

a) each sole having a pair of protruding hang tabs integrally formed as part of said sole ~~connected~~ at spaced-apart positions along a perimeter edging of said sole;

b) said pair of hang tabs including a first hang tab positioned on the toe end of said sole and a second hang tab positioned on the heel end of said sole;

c) one or more of said hang tabs on each of said soles having fastening means attached thereto for connecting to said hang tabs on adjacent soles for connecting a pair of said soles together; and

d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

8 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 7, wherein each hang tab is a geometric-shaped hang tab.

9 (Currently Amended). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 7, wherein each of said integrally formed hang tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.

10 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 7, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said sole after purchase.

11 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 7, wherein said fastening means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.

12 (Currently Amended). Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:

a) each sole having a pair of protruding hang tabs integrally formed as part of said sole ~~connected~~ at spaced-apart positions along a perimeter edging of said sole;

b) said pair of hang tabs including a first hang tab positioned on the inside section of said sole, and a second hang tab positioned on the outside section of said sole;

c) one or more of said hang tabs on each of said soles having fastening means attached thereto for connecting to said hang tabs on adjacent soles for connecting a pair of said soles together; and

d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

13 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 12, wherein each hang tab is a geometric-shaped hang tab.

14 (Currently Amended). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 12, wherein each of said integrally formed hang tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.

15 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 12, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said sole after purchase.

16 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 12, wherein said fastening means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.

17 (Currently Amended). Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:

a) each sole having a pair of protruding hang tabs integrally formed as part of said sole ~~connected~~ at spaced-apart positions along a perimeter edging of said sole;

b) said pair of hang tabs including a first hang tab positioned on the toe end of said sole, and a second hang tab positioned on the inside section of said sole;

c) each of said hang tabs on each of said soles having fastening means attached thereto for connecting to said hang tabs on adjacent soles for connecting a pair of said soles together; and

d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

18 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 17, wherein each hang tab is a geometric-shaped hang tab.

19 (Currently Amended). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 17, wherein each of said integrally formed hang tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.

20 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 17, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said sole after purchase.

21 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 17, wherein said fastening means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.

22 (Currently Amended). Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:

a) each sole having a pair of protruding hang tabs integrally formed as part of said sole ~~connected~~ at spaced-apart positions along a perimeter edging of said sole;

b) said pair of hang tabs including a first hang tab positioned on the heel end of said sole, and a second hang tab positioned on the outside section of said sole;

c) one or more of said hang tabs on each of said soles having fastening means attached thereto for connecting to said hang tabs on adjacent soles for connecting a pair of said soles together; and

d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

23 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 22, wherein each hang tab is a geometric-shaped hang tab.

24 (Currently Amended). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 22, wherein each of said integrally formed hang tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.

25 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 22, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said sole after purchase.

26 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 22, wherein said fastening means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.

27 (Currently Amended). Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:

a) each sole having a protruding hang tab integrally formed as part of said sole ~~connected~~ at a single position along a perimeter edging of said sole;

b) said single hang tab having a first hang tab positioned on the toe end of said sole;

c) said hang tab on each of said soles having fastening means attached thereto for connecting to said hang tabs on adjacent soles for connecting a pair of said soles together; and

d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

28 (Cancelled Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 27, wherein each hang tab is a geometric-shaped hang tab.

29 (Currently Amended). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 27, wherein each of said integrally formed hang tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.

30 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 27, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said sole after purchase.

31 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 27, wherein said fastening means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.

32 (Currently Amended). Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:

a) each sole having a protruding hang tab integrally formed as part of said sole ~~connected~~ at a single position along a perimeter edging of said sole;

b) said single of hang tab having a first hang tab positioned on the heel end of said sole;

c) said hang tab on each of said soles having fastening means attached thereto for connecting to said hang tabs on adjacent soles for connecting a pair of said soles together; and

d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

33 (Cancelled Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 32, wherein each hang tab is a geometric-shaped hang tab.

34 (Currently Amended). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 32, wherein each of said integrally formed hang tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.

35 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 32, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said sole after purchase.

36 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 32, wherein said fastening means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.

37 (Currently Amended). Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:

a) each sole having a protruding hang tab integrally formed as part of said sole ~~connected~~ at a single position along a perimeter edging of said sole;

b) said single hang tab having a first hang tab positioned on the inside section of said sole;

c) said hang tab on each of said soles having fastening means attached thereto for connecting to said hang tabs on adjacent soles for connecting a pair of said soles together; and

d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

38 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 37, wherein each hang tab is a geometric-shaped hang tab.

39 (Currently Amended). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 37, wherein each of said integrally formed hang tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.

40 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 37, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said sole after purchase.

41 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 37, wherein said fastening means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.

42 (Currently Amended). Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:

a) each sole having a protruding hang tab integrally formed as part of said sole connected at a single position along a perimeter edging of said sole;

b) said single hang tab having a first hang tab positioned on the outside section of said sole;

c) said hang tab on each of said soles having fastening means attached thereto for connecting to said hang tabs on adjacent soles for connecting a pair of said soles together; and

d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

43 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 42, wherein each hang tab is a geometric-shaped hang tab.

44 (Currently Amended). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 42, wherein each of said integrally formed hang tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.

45 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 42, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said sole after purchase.

46 (Original Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 42, wherein said fastening means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.

47 (New Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 1, wherein at least one of said hang tabs on each of said adjacent soles are connected to a display card by ties.

48 (New Claim). Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 27, wherein said hang tabs on each of said adjacent soles are connected to a display card by ties.